

STATE OF MONTANA POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS SUMMARY – applicable to 2016 campaigns

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This guide is just a summary - for complete requirements, see Title 13, Chapters 35 and 37, MCA.

CANDIDATE

To Own Campaign	No Limit
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INDIVIDUAL *Human Being*

To a Political Party Committee	No Limit
To a Political Action Committee	No Limit
To a Ballot Issue Committee	No Limit

To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor	\$660 per election
To a candidate for Other Statewide Office*	\$330 per election
To a candidate for Other Public Office**	\$170 per election

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

To a Political Party Committee	No Limit
To a Political Action Committee	No Limit
To a Ballot Issue Committee	No Limit

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)

To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor	\$660 per election
To a candidate for Other Statewide Office*	\$330 per election
To a candidate for Other Public Office**	\$170 per election

Aggregate PAC Limits for Legislative Candidates for the 2016 elections

To a candidate for	State Senate \$2,800
To a candidate for	State House \$1,700

POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE *Aggregate Limits from ALL political party committees*

Please Note: Political Party Committees may not contribute to candidates for judicial offices, i.e. Supreme Court Justice, District Judge, Justice of the Peace. A political party committee may endorse a candidate for judicial office and make independent expenditure relating to such an election. See Sanders County Republican Party v. Bullock, 698 F3d 741 (9th Cir, 2012). See also personnel services exception ARM 44.11.225 (3)

To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor	\$23,850 per election
To a candidate for Other Statewide Office*	\$8,600 per election
To a candidate for Public Service Comm.	\$3,450 per election
To a candidate for State Senate	\$1,400 per election
To a candidate for Other Public Office**	\$850 per election

Excluding PSC and State Senate

CORPORATION

May contribute only to a Ballot Issue Committee

May *not* contribute

- To a candidate
- To a political party committee
- To a committee that supports or opposes a candidate PAC

**Other Statewide Office*

Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Supreme Court Justice, Clerk of the Supreme Court

*** Examples of Other Public Office*

State District—Public Service Commissioner, State Senate, State House, and District Judge

County—All County elected Officials

City—All City elected officials

School—All School District Trustees